

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE



MARV LEVY



Marv Levy was the head coach of the Buffalo Bills from 1986 to 1997. He coached the Bills to four consecutive American Football Conference championships and Super Bowls. He got his first head coaching job at the University of New Mexico in 1958. In two seasons as head coach, he guided the Lobos to a 14-6 record. He earned the Skyline Conference Coach of the Year both years. Marv's famous quote "Where else would you rather be than right here, right now?" that he told before every game started right here in Albuquerque during Marv's first game at UNM.

Marv began his 47 years of coaching in 1951 at St. Louis Country Day School, coaching football and basketball. He would win a championship in basketball. Two years later, Marv returned to his alma mater, Coe College as an assistant football coach. In 1954, he joined the football coaching staff at the University of New Mexico. He left UNM in 1960, to coach the University of California. He went on to hire a young Bill Walsh (Pro Football Hall of Fame Coach) to his staff. After 4 years as the Bears head coach, he finished his college coaching career with a five-year stint as head coach at the College of William & Mary where he twice earned Southern Conference Coach of the Year honors.

Marv began his professional football coaching career in 1969 as kicking teams coach for the Philadelphia Eagles and for He also coached in the Canadian Football League of the Montreal Alouettes (1973-1977). Marv returned to the NFL in 1978 as head coach of the Kansas City Chiefs. He coached the Chiefs for five seasons. Midway through the 1986 season, following a two-year hiatus from coaching and one season as the head coach of the Chicago Blitz of the USFL, Marv returned to the NFL as head coach of the Buffalo Bills. From 1988 through 1997, the Bills were first in the AFC in winning percentage and second only to the San Francisco 49ers in the NFL. Marv, the winningest coach in Bills history, recorded 123-80 record in his eleven seasons. He was named the NFL Coach of the Year in 1988 and the AFC Coach of the Year in 1988, 1993, and 1995. He was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2001.